

FACT SHEET

Program: Hand & Portable Power Tools

PRE-USE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Some portable power tools require a more thorough inspection. Check the manufacturer's recommendation for more advanced power tools.

Before using hand tools inspect for the following:

	The outside of the tool is free of grease, oil and accumulated foreign matter
	The tool has no visible cracks in jaws or handle
	Blades or bits are not damaged, cracked, etc.
	Handles are not cracked, damaged or loose from heads of hammers, axes mauls and other similar tools
	Tips of screwdrivers, chisels, or other similar tools show no excessive wear
	Gripping surfaces pliers, wrenches, or other similar tools are not worn
	Tools such as chisels and punches do not have mushroomed heads
	Cutting tools such as chisels and axes are sharp
	Tool appears to be in generally good condition
Before u	sing portable power tools inspect for the following:
	The outside of the tool is free of grease, oil, and accumulated foreign matter
	Tool power-source shows no damage (cord, air line, battery, etc.)
	Tool is double insulated and tool housing is not damaged
	If so equipped, electrical cord third prong (ground) is intact
	All shields, guards, or attachments required by OSHA or manufacturer are present
	Rotating or moving parts of tool are guarded to prevent physical contact
	Tool is not leaking fluid such as gasoline, oil, etc.
	Blades or bits are not damaged, cracked, excessively worn, etc.
	Tool appears to be in generally good condition
	Proper PPE is available

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